

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

In re:

BARFLY VENTURES, LLC, *et. al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-01947-jwb

(Jointly Administered)

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**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF AMHERST CONSULTING, LLC FOR  
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED & REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES  
AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED  
CREDITORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

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Name of Applicant:	Amherst Consulting, LLC
Authorized to provide services to:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Effective Date of Retention:	August 10, 2020 (retroactive to June 25)
Period for which compensation is sought:	September 2020
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$17,640.00 80% = \$14,112.00 20% = \$3,528.00
Amount of expense reimbursement sought:	\$0.00
Total interim request:	<b>\$14,112.00</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors are: Barfly Ventures, LLC, (8379), Barfly Management, LLC (6274), 9 Volt, LLC (d/b/a HopCat)(1129), 50 Amp Fuse, LLC (d/b/a Stella's Lounge)(3684), GRBC Holdings, LLC, (d/b/a Grand Rapids Brewing Company)(2130), E L Brewpub, LLC (d/b/a HopCat East Lansing)(5334), HopCat-Ann Arbor, LLC (5229), HopCat-Chicago LLC (7552), HopCat-Concessions, LLC (2597), HopCat-Detroit, LLC (8519), HopCat- GR Beltline, LLC (9149), HopCat-Holland, LLC (7132), HopCat Indianapolis, LLC (d/b/a HopCat-Broad Ripple)(7970), HopCat-Kalamazoo, LLC (8992), HopCat-Kansas City, LLC (d/b/a HopCat-KC, LLC and TikiCat)(6242), HopCat Lexington, LLC (6748), HopCat-Lincoln, LLC (2999), HopCat-Louisville, LLC (0252), HopCat-Madison, LLC (9108), HopCat- Minneapolis, LLC (8622), HopCat-Port St. Lucie, LLC (0616), HopCat- Royal Oak, LLC (1935), HopCat-St. Louis, LLC (6994), Luck of the Irish, LLC (d/b/a The Waldron Public House LLC and McFadden's Restaurant Saloon) (4255).

Respectfully submitted by,

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Dated: October 7, 2020.

## AmherstConsulting

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**Invoice**

**Invoice #:** 41884  
**Invoice Date:** 10/1/2020  
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Date	Category	Name	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
9/1/2020	Case Admin	Partner-Sto...	Read and respond to emails	0.30	400.00	120.00
9/1/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Review asset sale email and follow-up call with M. Brandess and Mastodon on sale	0.50	350.00	175.00
9/1/2020	Cash Flow / Liquidity	MD-Morden	Info request regarding CF to Rock Creek	0.10	350.00	35.00
9/1/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	MD-Morden	Prep for and attend UCC call and provide meeting update e-mail to S. Stone	0.70	350.00	245.00
9/2/2020	Case Admin	Partner-Sto...	Read and respond to emails	0.30	400.00	120.00
9/2/2020	Case Admin	MD-Morden	Call with M. Brandess and E. Morandi on request for financial info for committee (0.4), call with E. Morandi on next steps to meet committee requests (0.4)	0.80	350.00	280.00
9/2/2020	Cash Flow / Liquidity	MD-Morden	Review PPP funds use	0.20	350.00	70.00
9/3/2020	Financial Info Analysis	Partner-Sto...	PC w/ J. Morden	0.20	400.00	80.00
9/3/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Analyst - M...	calls with James Morden and Counsel; Email to Rock Creek (0.4)	0.40	250.00	100.00
9/3/2020	Case Admin	MD-Morden	Call with S. Stone on case strategy	0.20	350.00	70.00
9/8/2020	Case Admin	Partner-Sto...	Review and approve August 2020 billings	0.20	400.00	80.00
9/8/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Partner-Sto...	Committee conference call	0.60	400.00	240.00
9/8/2020	Case Admin	MD-Morden	Review info request e-mail and write E. Morandi on next steps.	0.10	350.00	35.00
9/9/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Analyst - M...	Discussion with Rock Creek (0.4); Consolidation of Notes, email and distribute to team (0.2)	0.60	250.00	150.00
9/10/2020	Asset Sales	Partner-Sto...	CC w/ P. Hague, M. Brandess; PC w/ M. Brandess CC w/ Mastodon, M. Brandess, P. Hague, Debtor attorney	1.00	400.00	400.00
9/10/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Partner-Sto...	CC w/ Committee;	2.00	400.00	800.00

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9/12/2020	Asset Sales	Partner-Sto...	Read and respond to emails	0.20	400.00	80.00
9/12/2020	Committee	Partner-Sto...	Review and respond to email	0.20	400.00	80.00
	Mtg/Commun ications					
9/15/2020	Committee	Partner-Sto...	PC w/ J. Morden; emails	0.30	400.00	120.00
	Mtg/Commun ications					
9/15/2020	Case Admin	MD-Morden	Calls with S. Stone and E. Morandi on case status	0.20	350.00	70.00
9/15/2020	Cash Flow / Liquidity	MD-Morden	Review of cash flow and claim issues	0.90	350.00	315.00
9/15/2020	Committee	MD-Morden	UCC case status call	0.50	350.00	175.00
	Mtg/Commun ications					
9/16/2020	Case Admin	Analyst - M...	call with JM (0.1)	0.10	250.00	25.00
9/16/2020	Committee	Analyst - M...	Email to Rock Creek team on requested follow-up items from prior week's call (0.2)	0.20	250.00	50.00
	Mtg/Commun ications					
9/17/2020	Financial Info Analysis	Partner-Sto...	PC w/ M. Brandess	0.20	400.00	80.00
9/18/2020	Committee	Partner-Sto...	CC w/ Committee; PC w/ M. Brandess; CC w/ Debtors professionals, P. Hague, M. Brandess	1.20	400.00	480.00
	Mtg/Commun ications					
9/18/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Call with debtor advisor and committee advisors on sale status and waterfall	0.50	350.00	175.00
9/18/2020	Cash Flow / Liquidity	MD-Morden	Review of revolver loan docs	0.50	350.00	175.00
9/18/2020	Committee	Analyst - M...	Committee call (1.0)	1.00	250.00	250.00
	Mtg/Commun ications					
9/22/2020	Case Admin	Analyst - M...	Call with SS, JM, and Michael Brandess (Sugar) (0.6)	0.60	250.00	150.00
9/22/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Evaluate financial projection model for revolver need	1.00	350.00	350.00
9/22/2020	Case Admin	MD-Morden	Calls with S. Stone and E. Morandi and follow-up information request development and review	1.10	350.00	385.00
9/22/2020	Cash Flow / Liquidity	MD-Morden	Call with MC on dissolution, call with CM on PPP forgiveness	0.90	350.00	315.00

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9/23/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Partner-Sto...	Committee call; Review objections	1.00	400.00	400.00
9/25/2020	Asset Sales	Partner-Sto...	PC w/ J. Morden; PC w/ M. Brandess; Hearing; emails	3.40	400.00	1,360.00
9/25/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Call with P. Hage on asset sale filing (0.1), Review asset sale order and wind down budget (2.3), attend court hearing and mediation sessions (7.6)	10.00	350.00	3,500.00
9/26/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Partner-Sto...	CC w/ UCC professionals; PC's (2) w/ J. Morden; emails	1.80	400.00	720.00
9/26/2020	Case Admin	Analyst - M...	review, download, and distribute court filings (0.2)	0.20	250.00	50.00
9/26/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Call with legal team and S. Stone on sale order and objection (1.0), follow-up call with S. Stone on sales order objection (0.2), call with P. Neitzel on sale order information request (0.1), calls with M. Brandess (0.3) and S. Stone (0.1) about sale order strategy and info requests, wind down budget review (0.2)	1.90	350.00	665.00
9/27/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Review Wind Down budget and identify potential risks (1.7h), call with P. Neitzel and C. Pierce (1.0), call with S. Stone on wind down budget (0.4), call with UCC counsel and S. Stone on wind down budget exposure (1.1)	4.20	350.00	1,470.00
9/27/2020	Cash Flow / Liquidity	Partner-Sto...	Review of term sheet: PC w/ J. Morden; CC w/ UCC professionals; emails	2.10	400.00	840.00
9/28/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Review of wind down budget (1.0), call with P. Neitzel on wind down budget (0.3), multiple brief calls with M. Brandess on wind down budget (0.3), complete draft wind down budget review and send to P. Neitzel (0.8), emails on wind down budget (0.2)	2.60	350.00	910.00

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9/28/2020	Retention / Fee Applications	MD-Morden	Update fee application data	0.50	350.00	175.00
9/29/2020	Asset Sales	MD-Morden	Call with M. Brandess on wind down budget (0.1), call with Debtor and UCC advisors on wind down budget (1.1), call with P. Neitzel to finalize wind down budget (0.3), call with M. Brandess to confirm agreement with wind down budget and settlement offer (0.2)	1.70	350.00	595.00
9/29/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	MD-Morden	Attend portion of UCC update call	0.20	350.00	70.00
9/29/2020	Committee Mtg/Communications	Partner-Sto...	CC w/ Committee; Review term sheet; emails	1.00	400.00	400.00
9/30/2020	Retention / Fee Applications	MD-Morden	Fee app data prep	0.60	350.00	210.00

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